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In re Application of:

Michael BUCHANAN et al

Serial No. 09/833,257

Group Art Unit: 1614

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Examiner: Brian Y. Kwon

For: USE OF 13-HODE AS A REGULATOR OF VASCULAR
BIOCOMPATIBILITY AND AN INHIBITOR OF CELL HYPERPLASIA

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed April 23, 2003 (Paper No. 12), please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.

An **Attachment** including an article entitled "Effects of Linoleic Acid Supplements on Atopic Dermatitis" by Gimenez-Amau et al (1997) follows page 9 of this paper.